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Dear Sir or Madam:

Please join us on July 10, 2008 to participate in a public workshop to discuss a draft greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reporting protocol for Local Government Operations. California Air Resources Board (ARB) staff is partnering with the California Climate Action Registry, ICLEI-Local Governments for Sustainability, The Climate Registry, and local air districts to develop this protocol, which is intended to provide a GHG emissions accounting and reporting standard for local government operations. During the public workshop, staff will present the draft protocol, respond to stakeholder comments, and provide a timeline for completion.

The Local Government Operations Protocol will be an integral tool in ARB's implementation of the California Global Warming Solutions Act of 2006 (AB 32, Nunez, Statutes of 2006, chapter 488). It will be the first in a suite of protocols to assist California cities, counties, and other local government organizations in quantifying their GHG emissions. The Local Government Operations Protocol provides the methodologies to inventory GHG emissions and track progress over time.

The workshop will be held at the following time and location:

Date: Thursday, July 10, 2008
Time: 9:00 AM – 12:00 PM (Pacific Time)
Location: Byron Sher Auditorium
Address: Cal/EPA Headquarters
1001 I Street (2nd Floor)
Sacramento, CA 95814

A draft Local Government Operations Protocol is available at ARB's Local Government Protocols website at: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/cc/protocols/localgov/localgov.htm>

A workshop agenda and presentation will be posted prior to the workshop meeting at ARB's website (see the Workshops and Meetings link), and made available in hard copy at the meeting.

For those unable to attend the workshop in person, a live internet webcast with audio and video will be available at www.calepa.ca.gov/broadcast. During the webcast, the audience will have the opportunity to submit questions and comments by e-mail.

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, see our website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov>.

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Notification of future activities for the local government protocols will be broadcast via our Climate Change electronic mailing list. You may join the list via the link (see Join Email Lists) at our Climate Change website at: www.arb.ca.gov/cc/cc.htm. This website also includes notices of other ARB activities and public meetings related to the implementation of AB 32.

Directions to Cal/EPA Headquarters and public transit information can be found at the California Environmental Protection Agency's web site at www.calepa.ca.gov/epabldg/location.htm. If you have special accommodation or language needs, please contact Karen Snyder as soon as possible, via phone at (916) 322-6076, or email at ksnyder@arb.ca.gov. TTY/TDD/Speech-to Speech users may dial 7-1-1 for the California Relay Service.

We welcome and encourage your participation at this workshop. If you have any questions regarding the workshop, please contact Ms. Dana Papke, Staff Lead for LGO Protocols, at (916) 324-9615, or by email at dpapke@arb.ca.gov or contact Mr. Webster Tasat, Manager of the Emission Inventory Analysis Section, at (916) 323-4950 or email at wtasat@arb.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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